

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017**

Outcome: Schools and Youth

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000372

Senator Collins, Jacinta provided in writing.

Students with disability

Question

Under the current transition SWD loading do some schools receive 150% of their disability loading while others receive less than 80%?

- a. What proportion of all Australian schools receive more than 100% allocation of their SWD loading?
- b. What proportion of all Australian schools receive less than 80% of their SWD loading?
- c. What proportion of all Australian schools receive between 80 and 90% of their SWD loading?

Answer

Information about notional loading amounts is provided to schools to assist them understand the different components of their funding. If schools are 'above' their School Resourcing Standard (SRS), they attract at least their full students with disability loading and if schools are 'below' their SRS they attract less than their full students with disability loading.

During transition, entitlements are not calculated in terms of base and loading components. Commonwealth loading entitlements are a proportional estimate based on the contribution the base and loading components make to the total SRS amount. This proportional estimate is then applied to the entitlement received during transition.

Responses to SQ17-000533 and SQ17-000534 provide more information regarding 'above' and 'below' Approved Authorities.